

MERRY XMAS CITY'S GREETING; FEW FORGOTTEN

Last Few Weeks Have Been
Strenuous Ones But Most
People Heeded Advice And
Did Their Shopping Early.

APPEAL TO THE GOOD FELLOWS IS ANSWERED

Plea For Hundred Children
Who Were Threatened With
a Toyless Day, Brings Gifts
From Many People.

Today the Christian world lays
aside all mundane pursuits and cele-
brates the night of nineteen hundred
and thirteen years ago, the night of
the birth of Christ when the wise
men from the east brought gifts. To-
day gifts giving uppermost in the
minds of all and South Bend joins the
rest of the universe. Young and old,
the rich and even the poor remember
loved ones and friends with a token
valuable in some instances an equal
small in others, but still surrounded
with the spirit of the holy day, the
birth of Christ.

It was roughly estimated among
South Bend merchants yesterday that
the city expended approximately \$100,-
000 for Christmas gifts during the
holiday season. Due to the persistent
efforts of the merchants and others
including the postoffice department
the greater part of the city heeding
the warning to shop early and the
usual last day rushes were not as
great as formerly. A few merchants
reported that the efforts of the orga-
nization formed last year and known as
"Spugs," the abbreviated term for
Society for the Prevention of Useless
giving, was in some instances noticed,
a greater amount of neat and dainty
Christmas cards and similar mementos
being sold.

The call to the "Good Fellows" for
toys enough to supply 100 children, is-
sued by the Associated Charities and
printed in the News-Times was re-
sponded to with a will. According to Mrs. W. C. Stover,
chairman of the Christmas committee,
every one of the children will be able
to enjoy the Christmas with a play-
thing. Previous to this call one
man alone provided toys for one hun-
dred children. Another woman gath-
ered up all the old toys in her neigh-
borhood and made glad the hearts of 20 chil-
dren.

The campaign for the unfortunate
and poor of the city probably netted
greater results this year than ever be-
fore. It is doubtful if a single poor
family of the city will be without
some sort of Christmas cheer today.
Efforts of the Associated Charities
Salvation Army and private parties
have made it possible for all to be
remembered. The most noteworthy
campaign of all just closed was that
for the Children's dispensary nearly
\$2,000 being raised for that institution.

Will Feed Hundred.
As a final effort to provide at least
a dinner for many poor of the city,
Simon Greenbaum, the Michigan
street merchant, announced that free
meal tickets to downtown restaurants
would be given away as long as any
one applied for any.

Edgar T. Bonds performed the
happy duties of Santa Claus at a
Christmas tree party given for the
delectation of his office staff in the
Central Union Telephone building
Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Bonds put over the part ad-
mirably in spite of the fact that he
dispensed with the conventional but
highly inflammable whiskers and
cotton hat and eyebrows. Prior to
distributing the presents Mr. Bonds
said:

"At some time or other during the
year you all have wished for some
particular thing—something that you
greatly coveted but in the end expect
to receive. Well, here you are," where-
upon he proceeded to distribute the
gifts.

And gifts they were, ranging from
a box full of excelsior and good wishes
to a completely stocked grocery store
ready for holiday trade.

CANTATA PRESENTED AT FIRST M. E. CHURCH

Scenic Effects Are Pleasing Feature
to Performance Given by
Children.

Twinkling stars, beautifully illumi-
nated scenic effects and the splendid
drilling of the 60 children who took
part, marked the presentation of the
cantata, "The Song of the Angels," at
the First M. E. church Wednesday night.
The cantata will be given again Fri-
day night and the receipts will be
given over to the Children's Dispensary
fund.

A large canvas, depicting a shep-
herd and his flock upon a lonely plain
was the feature of the program. The
lighting had been arranged so that the
first view appeared to be in the twi-
light. Soon stars began to peep out
until the dark sky was covered with
the twinklers, and the deep blackness
was suddenly shattered with the birth
of the star of Bethlehem, which
turned the scene into a brilliant day.
Then the whole is illuminated and
turned into the light of midday. The
canvas was designed by Clarence Ball
and painted by Edward Kent.

The committee in charge of the
event was composed of Miss Grace
Huntsman, Mrs. Norman Kell, Mrs.
Myron Campbell, Miss Ethel Buck,
Norman Bleuler, Mrs. F. D. Hager
and Miss Laura Hager.

NO PRISONERS IS VILLA'S WORD TO DEPARTING ARMY

Sweep the Borders Clear of
Federals Instructions to Gen.
Ortega, Who Starts on Ad-
vance Toward Ojinaga.

GENERALS WILL BE SHOT AS TRAITORS

Further Rebel Victories Are
Reported in Chihuahua—No
Transportation Furnished
People Wanting to Leave.

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., Dec. 24.—Forty-
two hundred rebel cavalry, with
ten cannon and six machine guns
have left Chihuahua to begin the long
delayed attack on the federals at
Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Tex. The
rebels, commanded by Gen. Ortega,
have been ordered to exterminate the
federals or drive them across the
United States border.

"Sweep the border clear of federals
and do not take any prisoners," was
Gen. Francisco Villa's orders to Gen.
Ortega. "There must not be a federal
left alive on this side of the border."

Gen. Villa said if the federal gen-
erals, Orozco and Roja are captured
they are to be shot as traitors.

Villa Is Confident.
Loaded in six trains with large sup-
plies of ammunition, the Ojinaga ex-
pedition left here, purporting to travel
as far as Hermosillo and thence to
march overland to Ojinaga. Gen.
Villa witnessed the departure of the
rebels, who expressed confidence
over the outcome, saying the federals
either would be driven across the
border or broken up into small bands.

The bottling up of the federals in
the city of Torreon, 50 miles south of
here, the occupation by the rebels of
Lerdo and Gomez Palacio, important
adjoining towns, were confirmed in
reports today. Gen. Monclova Her-
rera, however, was not wounded.

The rebel dispatches said Gen.
Herrera now had Torreon practically
besieged and would further reinforce-
ments before attempting a rout of
the federals under Gen. Refugio Val-
lesco.

Stays at Chihuahua.
Gen. Villa intends to remain here
during the Ojinaga campaign. He
has stated to the United States con-
suls that he is not detaining wives
and children of men who have left the
city. It is known here that he has
denied the facilities to leave. The de-
mand for trains for military purposes
was given as a reason for not provid-
ing means to transport the Mexican
families who wish to leave. All empty
freight cars have been ordered to
Juarez to bring coal and provisions.

One million pesos in rebel money
has been issued under the seal of the
state of Chihuahua. This greatly re-
lieves the financial situation brought
about by the lack of small currency.

WAR TIME XMAS.

JUAREZ, Dec. 24.—Churches de-
prived of their priests and the ring-
ing of bells cracked by cannon balls
will mark a war time Christmas in
northern Mexico. With their arms
at the ready, the rebels, though not
celebrating their military victory as
part of their religious observances,
will keep Christmas in a meager way
by observing their lines from Juarez
to Chihuahua City, 75 miles south.

The ragged and ill-fed soldiers in
the field will kneel beside his gun,
while in the rebel cities the churches
will have such services as the ab-
sence of the Spanish priests will per-
mit.

The cathedral, the churches and
convent at Chihuahua are emptied of
the priests and nuns who usually con-
duct the Christmas services there, but
who were forced to flee to the United
States by Gen. Villa's decree expell-
ing the Spaniards. In local Mexican
churches officials will conduct ser-
vices while from the tower of the cathe-
dral will ring one of the bells
cracked by a cannon ball during a
revolution before the days of Pres.
Diaz.

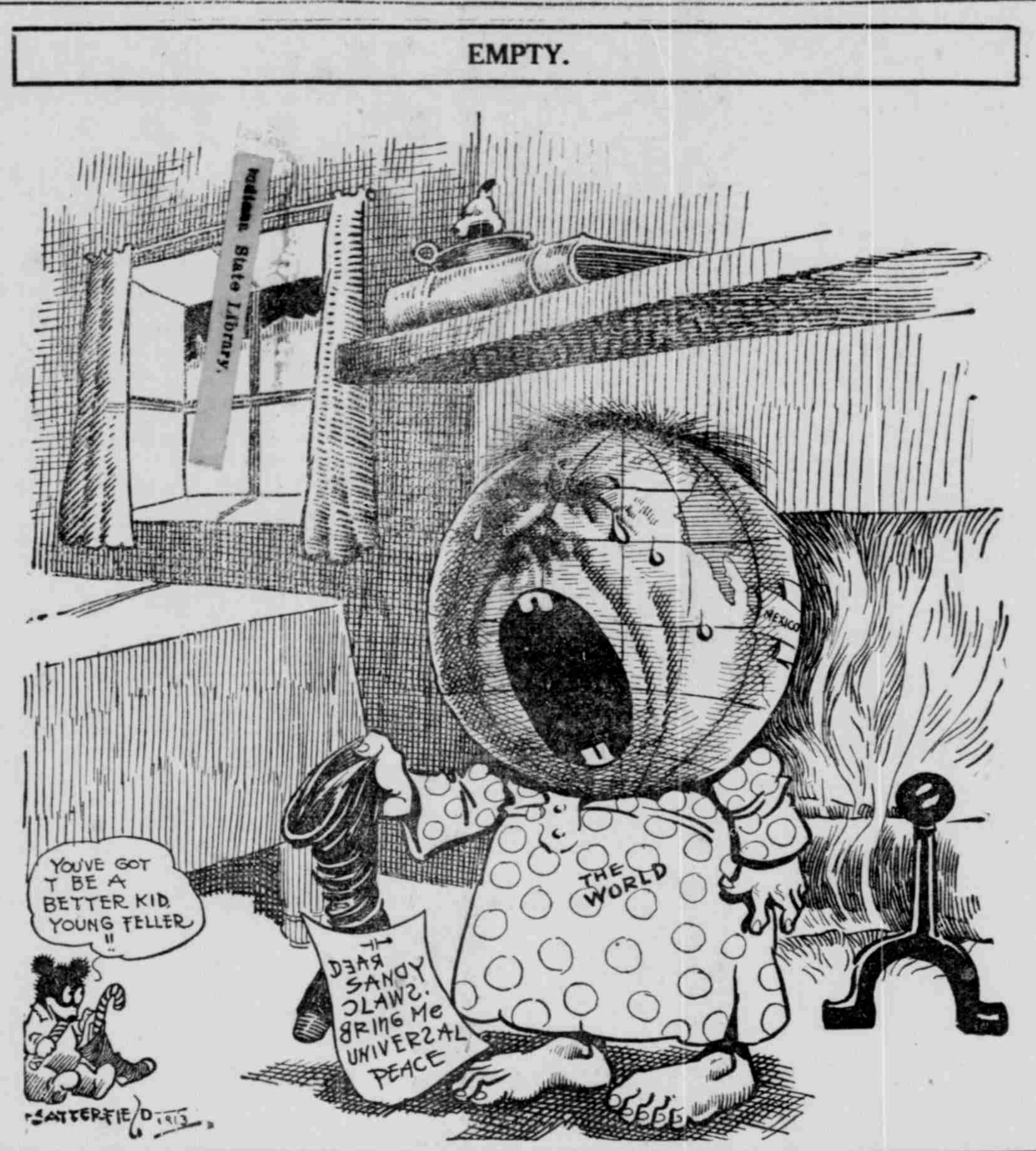
Juarez masses are to be held by
the priests in the little seventeenth
century churches of the Spanish mis-
sion type. The portals and towers
are battle scared by bullets.

NEW YORK MAY HAVE WIDE OPEN SALOONS

Suffragists Ask Mayor-Elect Mitch-
ell to Remove All Curtains and Ex-
pose Their Exterior.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Suffragists
Wednesday asked Mayor-Elect Mit-
chell for "wide open" saloons—that
is, saloons with curtains pulled back
and with the interior exposed to the
view of persons on the street.

They also asked the mayor-elect to
appoint some police women to super-
vise the liquor places.



SUGGEST SHOCK AS NEW POLICE CHIEF

Police Appointment Still Up in
Air—Josephson to Go On
Safety Board Instead of
Works Board.

Mayor-elect Keller's board of pub-
lic safety stole a march on his board
of public works Tuesday night and
Harry E. Josephson is to become the
successor of Wilson Snyder rather
than Arthur P. Perley as previ-
ously predicted. Josephson was being
considered by both boards.

The board of public works was there
to consider the resignation of Lehman
Monday, to become effective the first
of the year.

The board of works has several
other applicants for clerk, but the
members decline to discuss names. It
has been decided to sever the clerk-
ship of the board of public works
from that of the board of public
works, and the superintendent of
parks will hereafter be required to
keep his own records. This means
\$500 less per year for the clerk of
the board and that much less work.
Clerk Perley has been receiving
\$1,500 annually from the two boards.

Schock May Become Chief.
Without confirmation from the
safety board, the street has it that
Sergeant James E. Schock, of the po-
lice department, bids fair to be made
chief of police. Members of the
board, however, are insisting that no
decision has been reached, and refuse
even to admit that the sergeant is be-
ing considered. Former Detective
John Kuespert is also again in the
running, with the hope of chief of
police hovering above him. I will
probably be several days before any
announcement can be made, either as
chief or head of the detective depart-
ment.

"We find about three factions in the
police department, one loyal to the
present chief, another that is stuck
on the chief of detectives, and still
another faction that is apparently
longing for the return of ex-Chief
McWeeny," said a member of the de-
partment of safety Wednesday.

"We mean to get a man if we can
who is strong enough to wipe out this
factionalism and manage the depart-
ment for the good of the city rather
than for the glory of certain leaders."

Must Be Chief.
That the problem is rather exas-
perating, the member admits, but in-
sists that it will be solved. "When
we pick our chief he will get his or-
ders," he says, "and it will be up to
him to see that the law is under him
conduct themselves accordingly."

RESULTS OF TOY CONTEST.

Boys.	NO.	AMOUNT.
Joseph Podewitz	151	\$29.57
James Pietraszewski	69	4.12
Carl Lederer	32	1.30
Frank Dorosh	15	1.93
Otto Sinschauer	10	1.00
Louis Kovatch	16	1.63
Louis Roth	7	.60
Emery Alberts	3	.25
John Madarszt	3	.32
Lewis Sinitz	2	.40
Andrew Cherry	4	.30
Henry Negodzinski	9	.85
Stephen Rush	9	.60
Girls.	NO.	AMOUNT.
Ruth Marks	350	\$19.49
Sarah Mikolajuska	176	17.88
Carmel Pitner	111	5.42
Carrie Pitner	52	2.71
Anna Rudasies	11	1.70
Mary Nykosch	5	.25
Hilda Stephan	4	.45
Clara Kemaska	2	.20
Bernice Feldier	23	2.70
Hilda Stephan	4	.45
Total		\$79.70

RUTH MARKS WINNER OF BEAUTIFUL DOLL

Little Girl Wins Dispensary
Fund Contest With Three
Hundred and Fifty Contribu-
tors.

FOR THE DISPENSARY.
Previously acknowledged \$1,712.34
Toy Contest 79.70
Pink Stocking Contest 79.08
J. S. Robinson 5.00
Total \$1,876.12

The prizes in the dispensary con-
test were awarded Wednesday after-
noon to the following: Ruth Marks,
625 S. Columbia st., who with 250
contributions and over \$19 won the
\$40 doll; Sarah Mikolajuska with 176
contributions and \$17.88, the \$30 doll
and Miss Carmel Pitner with 111
contributions and \$5.42 the \$25 doll.
The three struts outfits went to
Joseph Podewitz, 103 S. Division st.,
who brought in 151 contributions
with \$20.47; James Pietraszewski,
1144 W. Dunham, 69 contributions
and \$4.12 and Frank Dorosh, 931 N.
Notre Dame st., 17 contributors and
\$1.37.

The total fund from the contest
is \$79.70. The award of the prizes
were made at the Orphan office and
all the little winners were there to
receive them with the exception of
Frank Dorosh who did not turn in his
book. If it is not turned in by Fri-
day evening the third prize will go to
Louis Kovatch who comes next with
16 contributors and \$1.63. Many of
the books were not turned in yester-
day, all of which must be in by Friday
afternoon at the Lexington tea room
whether or not any contributions
have been listed.

The citizens of River Park sent in
a splendid gift of \$19.30 to the dis-
pensary Wednesday evening. The
fund was collected by a man and his
wife, whose four babies made a warm
spot in their hearts for all other little
ones, so heading a list they made the
rounds among their friends and raised
\$19.30 among 28 subscribers. None of
the donors wished their names to be
mentioned.

An additional \$2 came in to the
pink stocking fund, and \$5 was pre-
sented by J. S. Robinson Wednesday.
The fund which closes today
is \$1,876.12.

One more source from which the
dispensary will derive benefit will be
a second performance Friday evening
of the cantata presented Wednesday
evening by the Sunday school of the
First M. E. church. The playlet with
its beautiful scenery, painted by Ed-
ward Kent, created so much en-
thusiasm among those who witnessed
it last evening that J. C. Bowsher,
superintendent of the Sunday school,
feels that it would prove worth while
to repeat it for the benefit of the
babies.

The children who failed to turn in
their books Wednesday afternoon in
the toy contest and are requested to
do so Friday afternoon, are as fol-
lows: Mary Nykosch, 508 Arnold st.;
Matthew Manning, 1411 W. Division
st.; Mary Sinitz, 319 S. Chapin st.;
Louis Roth, 1117 W. Division st.; An-
drew Cherry, 548 S. Chapin st.; Eliza-
beth Nemeth, 821 Fisher st.; Mar-
garet Coverdale, 207 N. Michigan st.;
Norris Ackerman, 1201 E. Madison
st.; Carl Huber, 1137 S. Franklin st.;
Russell McBroom, 1314 S. Franklin
st.; Albert Keb, 303 E. Sorin st.; Otto
Sinschauer, 427 1-2 E. Lasalle av.;
Carl Lederer, 1115 N. Francis st.

WIFE REFUSED GIFT.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Because
his wife refused to accept a gold
watch and chain from him as a
Christmas gift, Walter Grimes Wed-
nesday shot and mortally wounded
her and then killed himself.

GRAND TRUNK MAY TAKE OFF TRAINS

Battle Creek and South Bend
Chambers of Commerce to
Protest Against Change of
Schedules.

Chambers of Commerce of South
Bend and Battle Creek, and the busi-
ness men's associations of cities in-
tervening, together with other com-
mercial organizations from Lansing
to Chicago, are protesting to the
Grand Trunk Railway Co. against the
discontinuance of four of its trains,
Nos. 15 and 16, and 27 and 28, be-
ginning Jan. 4 next. The discontin-
uance of trains 27 and 28, are the
one that most concern South Bend
and Battle Creek, being local pas-
senger trains that connect the two cities.

The matter was first taken up by
the United Commercial Travelers' as-
sociation, with letters to Pres. Cham-
berlain, of the Grand Trunk, at Mon-
treal, and to the commercial organ-
izations.

Train No. 27 leaves Battle Creek at
7 o'clock in the morning, reaching
here at 9:30, and there is no other
train reaching here from the east un-
til 11 a. m. The plan is to sidetrack
this train at Pavilion and send it up
to Kalamazoo. This would cut off
South Bend's draft on the smaller
towns to the east of here.

Train No. 28 leaves here at 3:50 in
the afternoon and stops at Battle
Creek at 5:25. These are the trains
that most concern South Bend, ac-
cording to Secy. Manning, of the Cham-
ber of Commerce, who has taken the
matter up. Train No. 15 goes west
through South Bend at 4:05 a. m. and
No. 16 goes east at 1:00 a. m. Both
being fast trains.

The Grand Trunk's answer is that
the two local trains, as at present run,
are a losing proposition; that they
were put on as summer trains or in-
ternally, and intended more for lake re-
creation, and cannot be maintained
during the winter.

POOR REMEMBERED BY MEMBERS OF CHURCH

Eleven Persons at First Presbyter-
ian Church Agree to Aid in
Caring For Needy.

Gifts of clothing, provisions and
fruits were the features of the en-
tertainment at the First Presbyterian
church Wednesday night. Three
kinds of gifts were made and dem-
onstrated, consisting of articles of
food and clothing that were laid at
the foot of a large white cross that
had been erected upon the platform.
Known as the gifts of substance, the
second kind were envelopes placed
upon each side of the cross, in which
were the amounts pledged by each
class to aid in the distribution of food
and clothing among the poor.

The third and most important class
was the gift of self. Eleven people
came forward at the call of the pastor
and pledged themselves to the work
of the church, the living of a life of
Christianity, and the aiding of the
poor.

NO AFTERNOON ISSUE.
Members of the News-Times
will be given a holiday today to
enable them to celebrate Christ-
mas with their families and as a
result there will be no afternoon
edition. Instead the subscribers
to the afternoon News-Times will
this morning secure the morning
edition of this paper.

FALSE ALARM OF FIRE BRINGS DEATH TO EIGHTY CHILDREN AT CALUMET

Rush is Made Towards Doors and Helpless Youngsters Are
Crushed to Death in Panic—Mothers Seek Young, Some
Identifying Others as Their Own—Were Enjoying Xmas
Celebration and Waiting for Gifts.

BOBBIES PILED 20 FEET HIGH AT FOOT OF STAIRS

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 24.—Four score persons, mostly chil-
dren, were killed tonight, at a Christmas celebration by copper mine
strikers in an Italian hall because of a needless panic caused by a false
alarm of fire.

While several hundred miners and their wives looked on, the chil-
dren pressed eagerly towards the stage to receive Christmas presents.
At that instant a man put his head in at the door of the hall and
yelled "fire!"

The cry was taken up by those in the hall. Everyone started for
the doors. The weaker were thrown to the floor and those behind
tried to climb over those ahead of them.

The stairway and other avenues of egress were blocked so effec-
tually that those inside could not get out and those without could not
get in to aid the panic-stricken crowd in the hall. It was some time
before the panic subsided.

Alarm Is Spread.
The alarm was spread outside the
hall by a few persons who had been
near the door and had escaped unhurt.
A crowd soon assembled and the work
of clearing the hall was begun. The
principal exit was a narrow stairway
at the back of the hall. When this
had been cleared of the bodies that
filled it to the top and a quick ac-
counting had been made, it was found
that 80 corpses had been piled up
beside the hall building. It is thought
that a dozen others were carried away
by friends.

The dead that were piled up beside
the hall included 37 girls, 19 boys, 13
women and five men. Excited men
and women stood about the building,
some dazed by the sudden change
from holiday festivities to tragedy.
Other calling hysterically for a mis-
sing child, and a few even threatening
violence to the rescuers for keeping
them back from the long row of
bodies.

Doctors Are Called.
There was not much work for the
many doctors who hurried to the
scene as soon as the alarm was spread,
for those who were not killed in
the first rush were held upright
and safe by the very force of the
onrush towards the exit. Only three
injured persons were taken to hospi-
tals and a few went home with the
assistance of friends.

For many days the children of the
copper mine strikers had waited ex-
pectantly for the Christmas tree ex-
hibition, which was to be held in the
Italian hall that had been arranged by
the Women's Auxiliary of the Western
Federation of Miners. The entertain-
ment was set for the early evening
of Wednesday night. The Italian hall
was soon filled to its limit. The chil-
dren selected to recite Christmas
selections and sing carols had finished
their part of the program and the
men selected to play the part of Santa
Claus had appeared to distribute the
presents that were piled around the
large illuminated tree.

Some One Yells "Fire."
The children were instructed to
march up the aisles to the tree, so
that the presents could be handed to
them. The aisles were filled with
the boys and girls when a large
bearded man thrust his head in at the
door of the main hallway and shout-
ed "fire!"

Mrs. Caesar, who was near the
door, realized the danger of the act
and seized the man by the shoulders
and tried to counteract the alarm. It
was useless. The man wrestled him-
self from her grasp and ran away.
The cry of "fire" was repeated
throughout the room.

The word was shouted in several
languages as parents rose and rushed
forward to get their children. The
lives were crushed out in almost a
twinkle. Then the physical impossi-
bility of further movement brought
the panicky persons to their senses,
it was realized too late that there
was no fire, but most of those in the
hall could not get out of the jam
that they had caused.

Enter Through Windows.
Police and firemen hurried to
the building to find the hall congested
and filled with the dead. Several
officers climbed the fire escapes and
entered by the windows. In a short
time the unjured and the maimed
had been pulled from the hall.

Emergencies Provided For.
The Italian hall was built about
five years ago and was well provided
for emergencies. It was thought.
The entrance was a hallway about
ten feet deep. A stairway about 8
feet wide led up to a vestibule to a
small landing about 8 by 10 feet.
The main door of the hall opened on
this landing. There is a small cloak
room about ten feet square to one
side of the main door. The lavatory
was at the end of the small door of
this room. The rush apparently
turned many against the door of this
room and crushed them to death
within the doorway.

The greatest number of dead in
any one place, however, was at the
bottom of the stairs. Those who
reached the stairs first, were evi-
dently hurled to the bottom by those
coming, and in this fashion the stair-
way was filled to the ceiling.

That death in most instances was
due to suffocation under the weight
of those who fell last was indicated by
the fact that few of the corpses bore
marks of injuries. Bodies were crum-
pled and broken but the features were
not cut or bruised.

SCHMIDT DEAL TAKEN UP ONCE MORE BY STATE

Will Try to Disprove Defense of In-
sanity as Presented By Trio
of Alienists.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The prose-
cution in the trial of Hans Schmidt,
the pariah priest, who killed and dis-
membered Anna Amuller, set out to-
day to refute the testimony of four
alienists for the defense who swore,
that in their opinion, the self-con-
fessed slayer is insane.

Dr. Carlos McDonald, who figured
prominently in the Shaw trial, was
the first expert called for the prose-
cution. He declared the prisoner
sane.

Prior to the calling of Dr. McDon-
ald, Dr. S. Eley Jeffre, the last of
the defense's quartet of experts, had
produced the family tree of the
Schmidt family to show that insanity
predominated. Asst. Dist. Atty. De-
chancy set up the contention that
Schmidt is suffering insanity to save
himself from the electric chair, and
said that he would prove this by the
state's experts.

ACCUSED OF THEFT OF HORSE AND BUGGY

Some One Told Him He Could Take
a Ride, Says Walter Jeskwiak
When Arrested.

Walter Jeskwiak, 1920 W. Division
st., was arrested last night charged
with stealing a horse and buggy.
Jeskwiak was caught in the rig with
a young woman shortly after it was
missed by the owner, Claude Sholly,
a farmer residing on the Edwards-
burg road. When arrested, Jeskwiak
said someone told him that he could
take the rig and take a ride in it.

According to Sholly, he came to
town shortly after 5 o'clock and tied
in front of the Edwardsburg store. When
he returned a short time later the
horse and buggy were gone. He not-
ified his father, who came to the city
immediately.